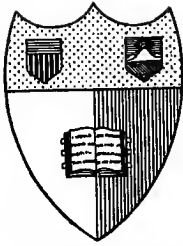


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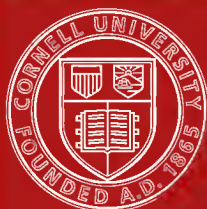
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MRS. LOUISE E. BETTENS

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY
WEST EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET

NEW YORK, March 7, 1918.

DR. FREDERIC C. SHATTUCK,*
135 Marlborough Street,
Boston, Mass.

DEAR DOCTOR:

Thank you for your letter of 6th instant. I do not know whether there is a common origin for the names Betton, Bettens, and Betten (for there is a Cornelius Betten connected with Cornell University).

Following the suggestion of Dr. Eliot I have made a start in search of the Rochat who settled in Virginia. On that subject I have written to the Library of Congress, and to the Virginia Historical Society of Richmond, Virginia, and to the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston. I am in personal communication with the Librarian of the Genealogy Division of the Public Library of New York City. I have also written to relatives.

To be honest with myself, this amuses me. On April 11th, 1918 I will be seventy years old—the biblical age of man, and at that age I find myself peering back into the Eighteenth Century to discover who I am!

Yours very truly,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

*Class of 1868 Harvard College.

DR. FRED'K C. SHATTUCK
135 MARLBOROUGH STREET

BOSTON, March 9, 1918.

DEAR MR. BETTENS:

I don't know any more insidious and fascinating way of wasting time than in genealogy. In odd moments, for many years, I have indulged moderately in this form of dissipation, and am, at the present moment, doing so. One certainly might spend time in worse ways. It interests me to see that a man of active life, like you, now that he is less busy, turns to the past.

Do not be distressed by the thought that in another month you will reach your three score years and ten. I don't find it bad, and one learns to put up with the inconvenience resulting from worn machinery.

With best wishes for success in your pious quest,

Yours very truly,

F. C. SHATTUCK.

EDWARD D. BETTENS, Esq.,
New York, N. Y.

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WASHINGTON

February 27th, 1918.

DEAR SIR:

The Chief Bibliographer, who has given attention to your letter of February 11, has prepared a memorandum in response which we are enclosing herewith, and which we trust will prove suggestive. The publications to which the Chief Bibliographer refers are doubtless readily accessible to you in the New York Public Library.

Trusting that the delay in our reply, due to pressure of work, has not inconvenienced you,

Very truly,

J. L. FARNUM,
Secretary

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MR. EDWARD D. BETTENS
130 West 87th Street
New York City.

MEMORANDUM

TO THE
LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FROM THE
DIVISION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY

FEBRUARY 26, 1918.

Referring to request of Edward D. Bettens, New York, for information as to the Rochat family in America and France.

We have noted the following:

FOOTE, W. H. The Huguenots, Richmond, 1870. Huguenot families that emigrated to Virginia, p. 540-589. The family of Rochette p. 541-549.

Susannah Rochette m. Abraham Micheaux . . . eldest son Jacob.

FORD, W. C. British officers serving in America 1754-1774. Boston, 1894. Rochat, Jno. Peter. Qr. Mr. Regiment 60. Date of commission 1 May, 1760. p. 87.

HARPER, L. D. Colonial men and times. Containing the journal of Col. Daniel Trabue . . . in Virginia and Kentucky . . . The Huguenots Philadelphia, 1916. List of works consulted, p. 592-595.

The French colony on the James River: To Kentucky by way of the Ohio: Hints of Virginia genealogical work.

MORTON, W. S. Will of Abraham Michaux. William and Mary quarterly, Apr. 1916, v. 24: 258-259.

. . . of interest to descendants of Abraham Michaux and Susanne Rochet, Huguenot refugees. Jacob Michaux the oldest son.

RIETSTAP, J. B. Armorial général. Gouda, 1887. 2 v. Rochat. P. de Vaud. v. 2, p. 584.

SABATIER, J. Encyclopédie des noms propres. Paris, 1865. Noms propres tirés de l'idiome bas-breton ancien et moderne. Rochat *signification* Ronfler, râler. p. 66. Rochat, p. 90; 146.

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Documents relating to the Huguenot emigration to Virginia and to the settlement at Manakin-town. Richmond, 1886. Mr. de Bettens . . . p. 17. Rochette, Susanna, p. 166.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. B. MYER
Chief Bibliographer.

During the war of 1812, the English army invaded Virginia, and destroyed most of the official Virginia records. This makes it difficult to get information, from the official records of Virginia, of the Rochat, from France, and the Furness, from England, who settled in Virginia, prior to 1812.

From the publications cited by the Chief Bibliographer of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., in his Memorandum dated February 26th, 1918, printed on page 5 of this pamphlet, the following appears:

Among the British officers serving in North America from 1754 to 1774 was John Peter Rochat. In December 1755 he was commissioned as Lieutenant in the 27th regiment. In May 1860 he was commissioned as quartermaster in the 60th regiment.

A Rochat of the Pays de Vaud, Switzerland, had a Coat of Arms, which is printed at page 584 Vol. 2 of "Armorial Général", by J. B. Rietstap.

A. M. de Bettens was among the Huguenots who about 1700 emigrated from France and settled at Hanakin-town about fifteen miles from the present site of Richmond Virginia.

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MARCH 8th, 1918.

EDWARD D. BETTENS,
130 West 87th Street,
New York City.

MY DEAR MR. BETTENS:

Please accept our thanks for the little pamphlet you have just published containing an account of your maternal ancestors, The Rochats; also a description of Vevay, Indiana. I have always been interested in Vevay and the rather remarkable people connected with it. Your pamphlet is another evidence of the strong and quite unique characteristics of that interesting place.

Very truly yours,

AZARIAH S. ROOT,
Librarian.

NEW YORK, March 9th, 1918.

DR. RICHARD C. NEWTON*
Montclair,
New Jersey.

DEAR DOCTOR:

I have your letter of 5th instant suggesting a Memorial of my Mother.

My brother Tom died July 2nd, 1907 in Bar Harbor, Maine. That Summer a feasible Memorial of my Mother was thought out by me, and then, that year, some correspondence about it passed between Dr. Charles W. Eliot, then President of Harvard College, and me.

During the intervening years results have been obtained in furtherance of that Memorial which seem to justify its original conception.

It is not advisable that I now consider any other Memorial.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

*Class of 1874 Harvard College.

MRS. LOUISE E. BETTENS

AN EXPLANATION

NEW YORK, March 27, 1918.

DR. ANNE DUDLEY BLITZ,
Dean of William Smith College,
Geneva, N. Y.

DEAR MADAM:

On or about November 26, 1917; I offered, through Professor W. C. Lawton, to William Smith College, one copy of an edition limited to twenty-six copies, of the book "Mrs. Louise E. Bettens".

I thank you for your letter of 26th instant informing me that William Smith College accepts this book.

Twenty-three of these twenty-six copies were given to Universities or Colleges, particularly where women were taught, and to Libraries.

I herewith offer, as a gift, to William Smith College, another book, entitled "Louise E. Bettens", the companion of the book above mentioned. This companion book contains letters from the Presidents or other officials of these Universities, Colleges and Libraries, some of which refer to the character and ideals of Mrs. Louise E. Bettens.

The pamphlet "The Family of Mrs. Louise E. Bettens born Rochat, and of Alexander Bettens"

sent, by registered mail, March 14, 1918, to William Smith College, has, I hope, been received and accepted by that College.

Up to the receipt by me of a letter dated February 5, 1918, from Dr. Charles W. Eliot (printed at page 1 of this pamphlet) it had not occurred to me, that any one would be interested in any of my ancestors except my Mother. But Dr. Eliot was, and is, interested in her ancestors.

The letters that I have received from some who obtained copies of that pamphlet prove that others than Dr. Eliot wish for information as to my Mother's ancestors.

I hereby enclose, for William Smith College, another copy of that pamphlet.

I also received a few letters suggesting to me that as Memorials of my Mother, a Hospital be built, Foundations of various kinds be established in one or more Colleges, etc.

My answer to such suggestions is contained in my letter dated March 9th, 1918 to Dr. Richard C. Newton, printed on page 8 of a pamphlet entitled "Mrs. Louise E. Bettens," a copy of which I herewith offer to William Smith College.

I now enclose a third pamphlet, entitled "Mrs. Louise E. Bettens, born Rochat," as a gift to William Smith College. In it is a letter from me dated March 23, 1918 to the Editors of the Vevay

Reveille, which expresses my opinion of Mrs. Bettens, in a spiritual sense. She was a woman, who from girlhood up to her death, and through a very depressing period of her life, lived superior to all the surrounding drawbacks, that ordinarily chill and dull other lives, situated as she, at one time was. It is that life and character that I am attempting to bring particularly before girls and young women.

The books, the money, the pictures, and furnished room, given by me to Harvard College, are but means of calling attention to that life and character.

What I have tried to do was to suggest to others a life and character, which properly considered, might strengthen and encourage some who may be struggling under difficulties.

Character and Ideals are, in my opinion, enduring and never failing Helpers, whereas other gifts, particularly that of money, are of uncertain benefit.

I have acted in accordance with those views and according to my means. If I have made a mistake I am sorry.

I thank you for the suggestions made in your letter.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

MRS. LOUISE E. BETTENS

BORN ROCHAT

NEW YORK, March 23, 1918.

TO THE

EDITORS OF THE VEVAY REVEILLE

DEAR LADIES

The clipping, from the *Vevay Reveille*, reviewing the book "Louise E. Bettens", has been received.

J. Sabatier, in his "Encyclopédie des noms propres", states that the name *Rochat*, the maiden name of Mrs. Bettens, is of Greek origin.

Mr. Edward S. Sheldon, Professor of Romance Philology, in Harvard University, thinks that this name, *Rochat*, might be that of a family in Southern France, or in French Switzerland.

Before and after the beginning of the Christian Era, there were Greek settlements in Southern France. Therefore, it may be permissible to believe in the possibility of tracing the racial stock of Louise E. Rochat back to the Greeks of the Golden Age of Athens.

Some people have believed, and some may now believe, that on the death of the body, the soul is re-born, in some other earthly body. Be that as it may, Mrs. Louise E. Bettens, born a *Modern*, as Louise E. Rochat, was, in *Spirit*, a *Greek* of the Age of Pericles.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

130 WEST 87TH ST.
NEW YORK

MARCH 29, 1918.

SAMUEL B. CLARKE, Esq.,
53 West 85th Street,
New York City.

DEAR CLARKE:

Seventeen Swiss families, one of which had, as its head, my grandfather, Philip Bettens, about 1801, came to Virginia in the United States of America from the Canton de Vaud on the Southwest side of Lake Geneva, near the town of Vevai, Switzerland, or the Republic of Helvetia, as it was then called.

On or about May 6, 1801, Philip Bettens (whose full name was John Francis Philip Bettens) received a certificate, in Norfolk, Virginia, of which the following is a copy:

"District of Norfolk May 6 1801

No 5

This is to Certify, That John Francis Philip Bettens, being a Male White Alien, has been reported registered, on the day and date hereof, pursuant to the Act of Congress, intituled "An Act Supplementary to, and to amend the Act intituled An Act to establish an uniform rule of

Naturalization, and to repeal the Act heretofore passed on that subject;" And I do further Certify, that agreeably to the report made, the said John Francis Philip Bettens was born at (the word stating the place of birth, in the official record in Norfolk, is indistinct) in Helvetia; that he is of the age of twenty seven years; owes allegiance to the Helvetia Republic; that by condition or occupation he is a Farmer; and that he resides or intends to reside in Baltimore Maryland.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day and Year above written."

The official signatures attached to above certificate are indistinct.

Philip Bettens was entitled to the prefix "De", before his name, but never used it.

For the above information I am indebted to my cousin, Mr. Philip A. Bettens, a grandson of John Francis Philip Bettens. My cousin, now residing at Hollywood, California, says that in a book entitled "Fontenoy" there is mention of a Colonel Bettens as commander of a regiment of Helvetians at the battle of Fontenoy.

My cousin also says that the name Bettens is of wide distribution, there being many in Switzerland. In France, the name occurs as Betten-court; also in Spain. In Italy it is Bettini.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

The children of John Francis Philip Bettens and Rose, his wife, are all dead. The names of these children, stated in the order of their births, italicizing the married names of the women, are as follows:

I Charlotte Bettens *Detraz*

II Rosalie Bettens *Vichery*. First marriage
Rosalie Bettens *Brachmann*. Second marriage

III Philip Bettens

IV Emily Bettens *Duplan*

V Alexander Bettens

The children of Jacob Rochat and Nancy Furness, his wife, are all dead. The names of these children, stated in the order of their births, italicizing the married names of the women, are as follows:

- I Louise E. Rochat *Bettens*
- II John Rochat
- III William Rochat
- IV James Rochat
- V George Rochat
- VI Lucretia Rochat
- VII Charles Rochat
- VIII Jules Rochat
- IX Alexander Rochat

MEMORANDUM

TO THE
LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FROM THE
DIVISION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY

MARCH 9, 1918.

Referring to request of Mr. E. D. Bettens, New York City, for information concerning name, *Rochat*.

On page 90 of J. Sabatier's "Encyclopédie des noms propres" Paris, 1865, the name *Rochat* is given along with a number of variants as of Greek origin. On page 146 we find the following:

<i>Noms propres</i>	<i>Signification</i>	<i>Noms qui</i>
Roche	Chateau, fortresses cave taillée dans le roc.	paraissent dérivés. <i>Rochat</i> , etc.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. B. MEYER,
Chief Bibliographer.

The following information as to the name *Rochat* was received in a letter dated March 16, 1918, from Mr. Edward S. Sheldon, Class of 1872, Harvard College, and Professor of Romance Philology in Harvard University:

I should think that the name *Rochat* might be that of a family in Southern France, or French Switzerland. There is a word in Provençal (old Provençal)—*rocatz*, meaning rock, possibly also *rocat*, and modern dialect forms such as *roucas*, *rouchas*, *roucat*, *rouchat*, *rochat*, all meaning 'rock', 'big rock', it appears. See Raynouard, *Lexique Roman*, v. 99; Levy, *Provenzalisches Supplement—Wörterbuch*, s. v. *rocat*; Mistral, *Lou tresor dóu felibrige ou Dictionnaire provençal-française*, s. v. *roucas*, *rouchas*, etc., with meanings 'rocher, gros rocher . . .' *Roucas*, *Rouchas*, *Rochas*, *De Rochas*, *Rochat*, noms de famille provençal dont le féminin est *Roucasso*. . . . Henri de Rochas, Seigneur d'Aiglun, fut médecin des rois Louis XIII et Louis XIV. Les Balarin, de Provence, portaient dans leur blason 'un rocher d'argent'.

E. S. SHELDON.

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NEW YORK, 23rd March, 1918.

EDWARD D. BETTENS, ESQ.,
130 West 87th Street,
New York City.

DEAR SIR:—

Your letter, addressed to Mr. Anderson, has come to me for reply. The pamphlet entitled "Mrs. Louise E. Bettens" has also arrived safely and I assure you of our appreciation of your continued interest and thoughtfulness. We are pleased to add this to your former gifts.

Mr. Strippel, who is in charge of our genealogical division, reports that references to the name *Rochat* may be found in the following works:

Huguenot Society of London
Publications, Volumes 7, 11, 21, 23
London, 1893-1916

Recueil Généalogique Suisse
Première Série, Genève. Tome Deuxième.
Genève, 1907

Galiffe, Aymon
Notices généalogiques sur les familles Genevoises. Tome IV. Genève, 1908

The name *Bettens* is also mentioned in the two magazine articles noted below:

Danglade, Annette

Early days in Switzerland county. (Indiana Magazine of History, 1917, volume 13, pages 151-156.)

Knox, Julia Leclere

Vevay and Switzerland county. (Indiana Magazine of History, 1915, volume II, pages 216-230.)

In Rietstap's "Armorial Général," printed in Gouda in 1884-87, two volumes, there is a description of a *Bettens* coat-of-arms and also one for the *Rochat* family, both of the Pays de Vaud.

Mr. Strippel suggests that for additional information relating to *Bettens* and *Rochat* families it might be well to write to the following:

Herr Jean Grellet,

President, Société Suisse d'Héraldique,
Zürich, Switzerland.

Mr. Fréd. Th. Dubois,

Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire,
Fribourg, Switzerland.

Trusting these notes may be of some service to you, I remain,

Very respectfully,

H. M. LYDENBERG,

Reference Librarian.

THE BETTENS HOMESTEAD

1843—1857

VEVAY, INDIANA

NEW YORK CITY,
April 1st, 1918.

DR. CHARLES W. ELIOT,
Cambridge, Mass.

DEAR MR. ELIOT:

The house in Vevay, Indiana, in which all of the children of Mrs. Louise E. Bettens were born, and in which she lived from the time of her marriage, in 1843, to about 1857, is still in existence, its front porch having been rebuilt and some additions having been made to it in the rear.

The house fronts south, looking over the Ohio River, towards the Kentucky Hills. At my request a Vevay photographer, last month, made three photographs of the house and its front yard. One photograph was of the front of the house, with the camera standing near it. Another was a photograph of the gate, yard, and front of the house, the camera being stationed a little south of the road. The third photograph is of the yard, road, Ohio River and the Kentucky Hills, with the camera standing in front of the house.

The weeping willow tree that was formerly at the gate is no longer there. Nor is there a vineyard, as formerly, from the road stretching north over the farm. Two pecan trees are still standing near the house. I am sending you herewith one of each of those photographs.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. BETTENS.

MEMORANDUM

TO THE
LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FROM THE
DIVISION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY

MARCH 28, 1918.

Referring to request of Mr. Edward D. Bettens, 130 West 87th Street, New York City, for information as to the Rochat family and the Furness family in Virginia, prior to 1828.

We have noted the following:

THE ROCHAT FAMILY IN EUROPE PRIOR TO 1828.

Helvetic republic.

Actensammlung aus der Zeit der Helvetischen republik (1798-1803). Bern, 1886-1905. 10 v. . . .
arrête . . . Alexandre Rochat . . . juge de district
de la vallée du lac de Joux . . . v. 6, p. 477, 478;
v. 7, p. 1164.

David Rochat, v. 1, p. 1181.

Huguenot society, London. Publications, 1909.

Livre des tesmoignages de l'église de Threadneedle
Street, 1669-1789. Bettens, Jean Louis & Su-
sanne, sa fem. T. de Suisse, 26 Sept. 1748.
Bettens, Jean Louis & Susanne, sa fem. 29 Apr.
1759.

Rochat, David & Judith, 24 June 1759. v. 21, p. 22, 235.

Société de l'histoire du protestantisme français. Bulletin.
Paris, 1907.

L'église évangélique réformée de Moscou 1629-1901.
. . . parmi . . . les noms . . . Rochat . . . probablement
d'origine vaudoise . . . 1767-1806. v. 56, p. 10.

Thevoz, David. Auguste Rochat 1789-1847, sa vie et ses
écrits. Thès. théol. de l'église évangélique libre du
canton de Vaud. Lausanne, George Bridel & cie.
1906. 121 p. 8°. [Not in L. of C.]

[Entry from Bibliographisches bulletin der
Schweiz. Bern, 1907. p. 376.]

The following two publications by members of the Rochat family may be of interest:

Rochat, Alfred, *von Vevey im Waadtlande*. Über einen bisher unbekannten Percheval li Galois. Zürich, Druck von E. Kiesling, 1855. 180 p.

Rochat, Antony.

Lauterburg, Otto. Alcool et alcoolisme. Élabore par Otto Lauterburg . . . E. W. Milliet . . . et Antony Rochat. Berne, K. J. Wyss, 1895. 172 p.

THE FURNESS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA.

Collins, Lewis. History of Kentucky. Covington, 1882. 2 v.

James Furnish [age] 74, revolutionary soldier in Gallatin county, 1840. v. 1, p. 6.

McAllister, J. T. Virginia militia in the revolutionary war. Hot Springs, 1913.

James Furnish, Harlan county, Kentucky . . . pensioner, 1835 . . . p. 272.

Scott, W. W. A history of Orange county Virginia. Richmond, 1907.

John Furnes (Furnace) Hogg's rangers, 1759 . . . Bounty land . . . p. 59, 61.

Eliza Furnis . . . 1782 . . . p. 236, 237.

Virginia state library. List of revolutionary soldiers of Virginia. Richmond, 1912.

Furnish, Jacob, 1779-80.

“ Samuel, Orange county, 1781.

“ Thomas, “ “ “ p. 173.

Supplement. Richmond, 1912.

Furnis (Furnace, Furness), Jacob.

“ William. p. 118.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. B. MEYER,
Chief Bibliographer.

